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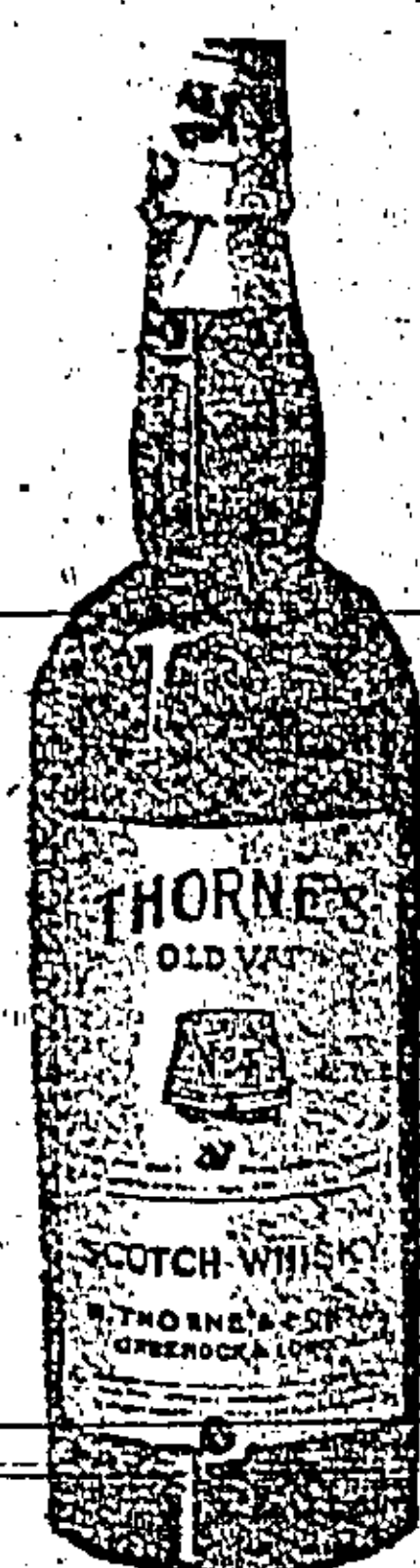
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Mr Justice Macleod gave judgment for
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in the case in which the Oriental Brewery
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A native with a withered arm was charged
before Mr J. R. Wood for begging. It
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the withered limb to Europeans in Queen's
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and suggested that he be sent to Canton.

Frans Bruthmann, second engineer of
the s.s. Hilary, was charged with behaving
in a disorderly manner in Queen's Road
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there, and got away with a milk can.
Yesterday he returned with the object of
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he was caught in the act of stealing a pair
of trousers. Detective Sgt. Willis searched
the man and found on him a paw-ticket
for the stolen coat, which was redeemed
and identified. Sentence of six weeks im-
prisonment and six hours' stocks was imposed.

A SUSPECTED PRIEST.

We translate the following from a native
paper, because it shows the animus of the
average cultivated Chinese writer towards
Japan at the present time. "Ever since
Japan absorbed Korea into her empire,
her heart has shown a tendency more and
more to grasp at power. There is no day
during which she has not sent forth spies
to visit China in order that our affairs may
be known. We hear that recently a
Japanese Buddhist priest has been sent
down to Kwangtung, who is familiar with
the language spoken by our people. He
associates with the priests of the Buddhist
faith in Kwangtung, goes with them walks,
and so sees the mountains and rivers in
the interior. Those who understand the
trend of events say that this man is a spy,
and that his object is to get drawings of
the forts, and to understand the military
arrangements of the South of China. It is
also said that he will reside for a time in
a certain monastery at Shantung. We have
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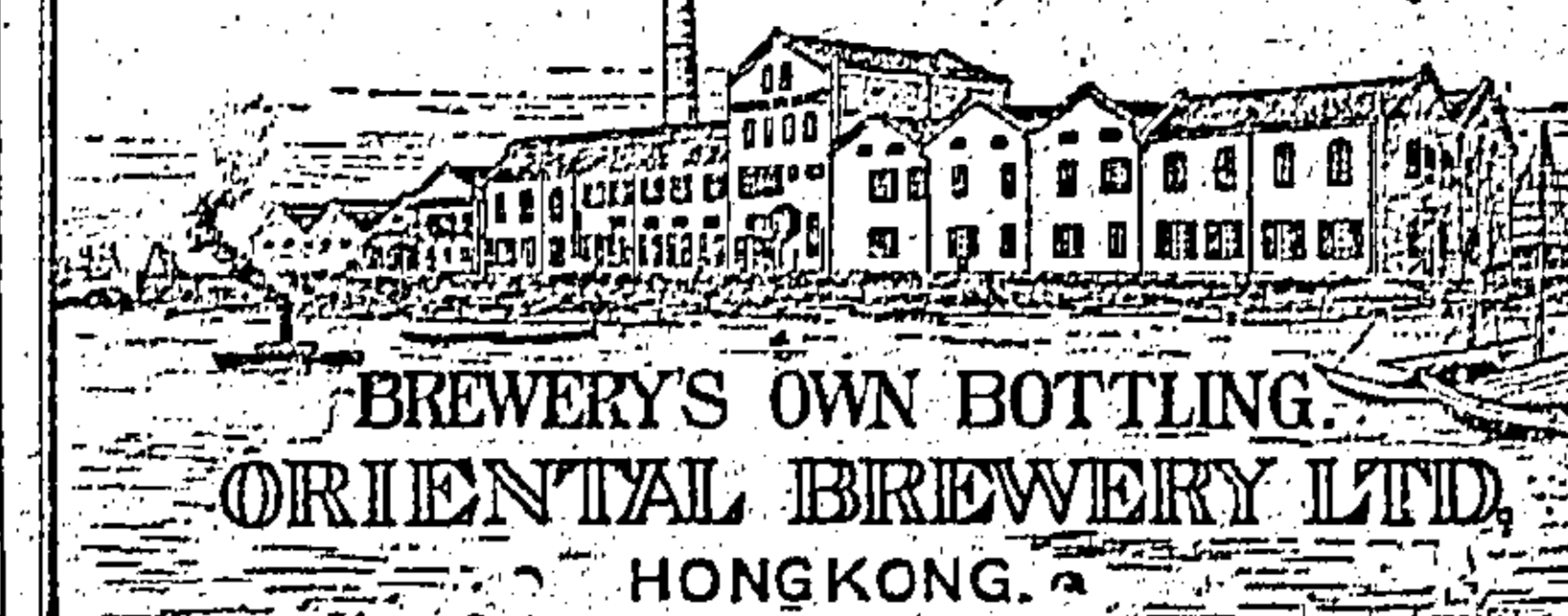
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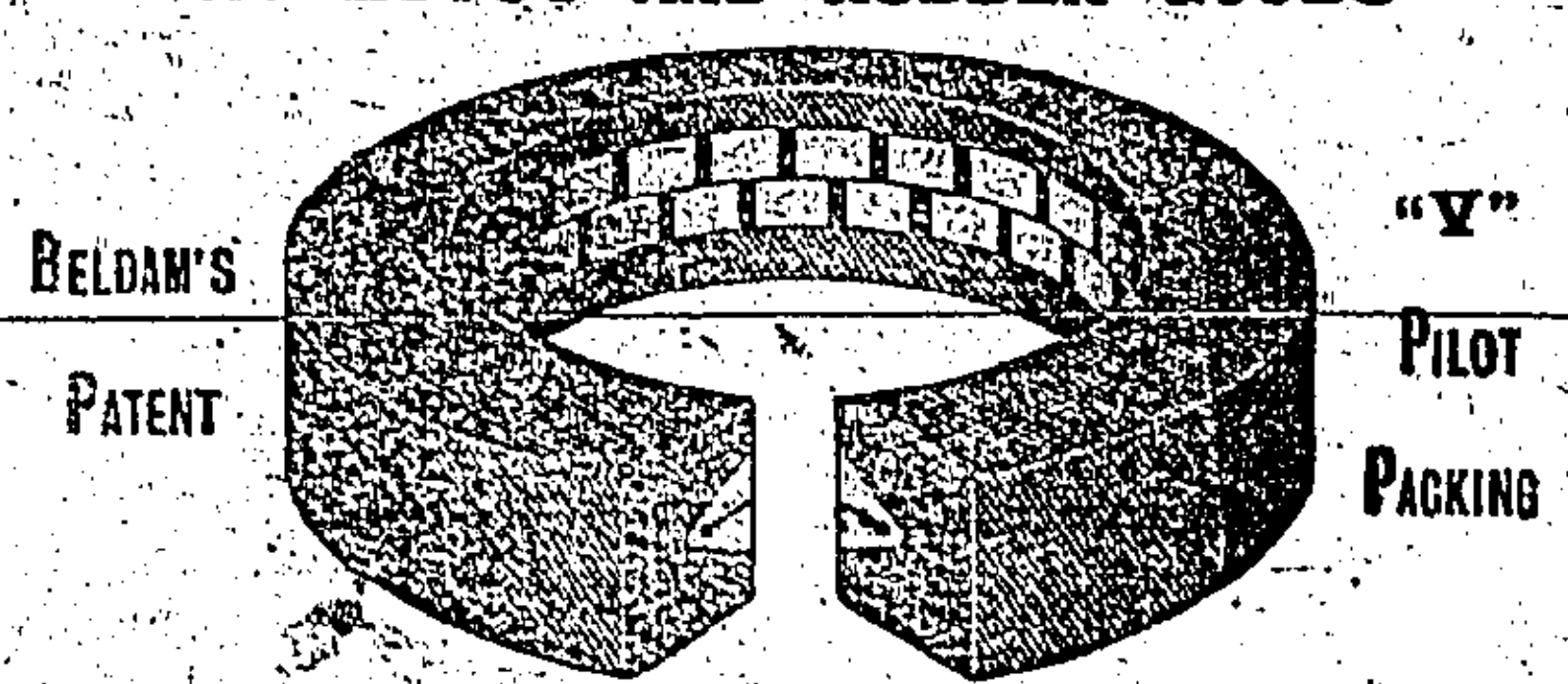
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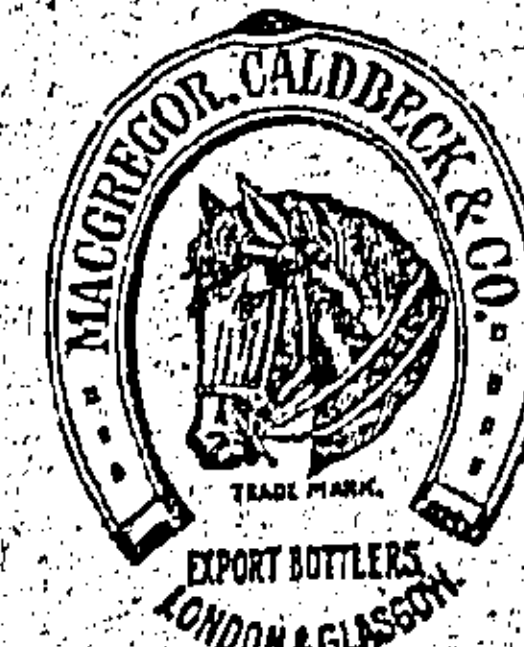
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The history of the negotiations is as follows:—

The British Government invited the various Powers to meet in London at a Conference, in February, 1908, to decide vexed questions of international law in naval war, with a view to the establishment of an International Prize Court. On December 4, 1908, the Conference assembled in London. It was composed of representatives of the following Powers: Britain, Germany, United States, Austria, Spain, France, Italy, Japan, Holland, and Russia. Its sittings were concluded in February, 1909, by the Declaration of London, formulating new laws of naval war. The main points dealt with were these:—

1. Blockade.—Must not extend beyond the ports and coasts occupied by the enemy, and neutral vessels may not be captured for breach of blockade, except "within the area of operations of the warships detailed to render the blockade effective." A ship cannot be captured for breach of blockade if she is on the way to a non-blockaded port, even though subsequently she may intend running the blockade. These regulations limit blockade severely, and would thus prevent the British Navy in a future war from bringing severe pressure to bear upon neutrals.

2. Contraband.—Here the British delegates admitted foodstuffs to the list of articles which, under certain conditions, may be

contraband (i.e., liable to seizure), though in the past British Governments have always resolutely resisted such an interpretation. The importance of the question is enormous, as upon it may depend the safety of our food supply in war. "Conditional contraband" became liable to seizure if "it were consigned to the hostile authorities or to a merchant established in the hostile country, and when it is notorious that such merchant furnished to the enemy 'objects and materials' of this nature." (The translation is a literal one from the official French text which is binding and does not follow the official English version, which is loose on this point.) The effect of this clause apparently is that food consigned to any British merchant or trader might be seized, as he would be established in the "hostile country," and would supply "the enemy," which means the whole hostile people as well as the British armed forces. A ship is not to be liable to seizure unless the contraband on board reached one-half the cargo.

3. Seizure of Persons on Board Neutral Ships.—Diligent men-of-war are empowered to remove contraband persons—i.e., officers, soldiers, and apparently envoys—from neutrals, and to make prizes of the ships carrying them.

4. Destruction of Neutral Prizes.—England has hitherto held that neutral prizes cannot be destroyed at sea without proper condemnation by a court. Her delegates, however, agreed to a clause permitting such destruction to take place when the sending of the prize into port would involve danger to the safety of the warships engaged.

5. Transfer of an Enemy's Vessel to a Neutral Flag.—This must be shown by the belligerent captor not to be bona-fide before vessel can be seized, provided that the transfer has been made before war. If it has been made after war, the neutral must show that it is bona-fide, if his ship is not to be seized.

6. Convoy.—It is provided that the presence of convoy exempts neutrals from

seizure. In the past this was not admitted by Britain, and it is a further surrender, though perhaps on a minor point.

7. Compensation is to be given to neutrals when their ships are seized without sufficient justification.

SOME BRITISH OBJECTIONS.

The Declaration has evoked strong criticism in Great Britain. The London Chamber of Commerce appointed a special committee to consider the matter, and on November 14, 1910, adopted the committee's report. This report stated that the committee had considered the question mainly from the commercial and national standpoint, and had almost unanimously come to the conclusion to recommend that the Declaration of London should not be ratified in its present form or be made effective by the passing of the Naval Prize Bill then before Parliament. The committee submitted this recommendation for the following, amongst other, reasons:—

(a) That the effect of the Declaration is to alter the law of nations as hitherto maintained in a manner entirely unprecedented, and to expose to capture or deliberate destruction food supplies borne to any port of Great Britain in neutral vessels.

(b) That the absence of any provision in the Declaration for preventing the conversion of merchant vessels into commerce destroyers on the high seas constitutes a valid reason for opposing his Majesty's Government to decline to ratify the Declaration or to proceed with the Naval Prize Bill.

(c) That the admission of the principle of destruction of neutral prizes would be in the highest degree prejudicial to the interests of this country.

The committee therefore recommended that, in view of these conclusions, the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce should make the strongest representations to the Secretary of State. The committee considered that the Declaration is framed without sufficient regard to the fundamental difference between the situation of Great Britain (an island without neutral ports to fall back upon) which has to import much of its food supplies by sea, and that of Continental countries (connected with various neutral ports) which are largely self-supporting. The committee were of opinion that the Declaration would impair the nation's strength in time of war, and that, by gravely impairing our neutral food supplies, its effects might be a very serious increase in the cost of food, with dangerous consequences.

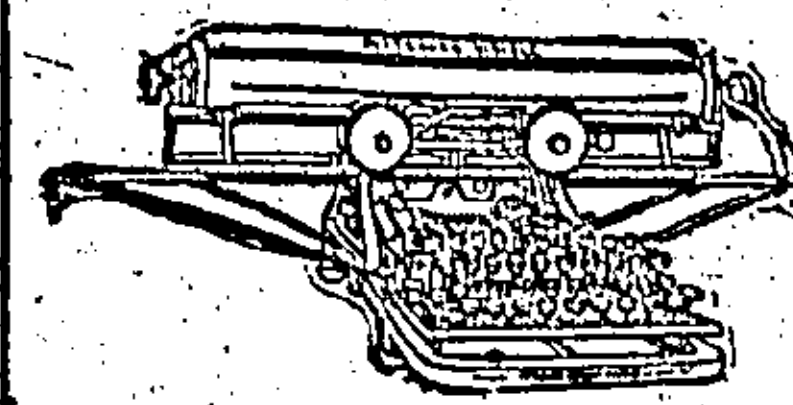
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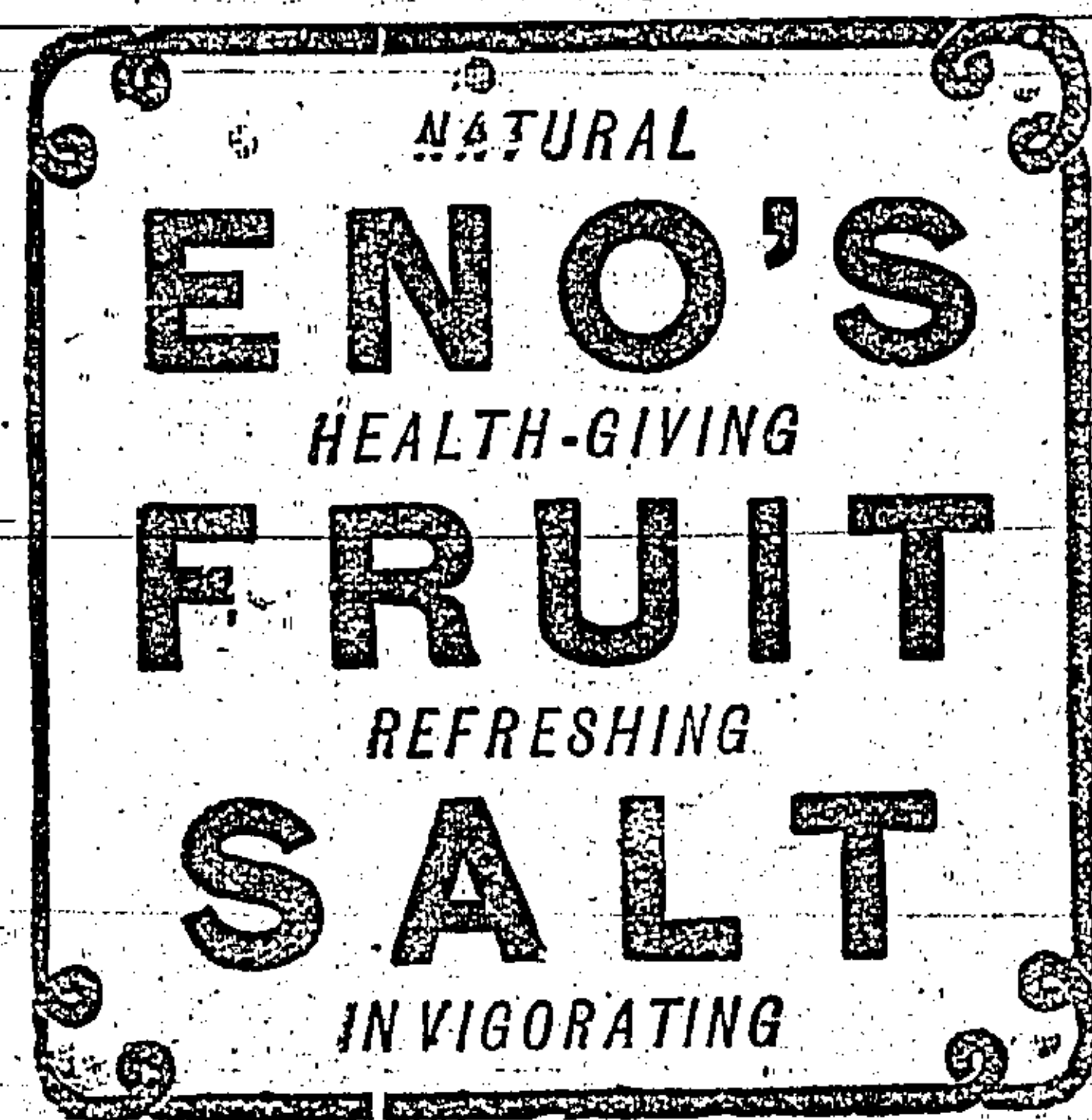


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786,049 more than in the previous year, points to the fact that the big increase in the consumption of imported spirits has been caused by the demands of the growing Japanese and Russian populations in Manchuria and the traffic on the northern railways under their control. The actual value of the import into Dairen was Taels 645,025, comparing with Taels 13,145 for 1900, and Taels 2,080 for 1907; while with regard to Manchouli the advance is from Taels 72,637 in 1900 (the first year for which returns are supplied) to Taels 177,045.

There is only one other aspect of the question to which we intend to refer. This is a somewhat staggering increase in the spirits which passed through the Kowloon Customs district. Here the value is placed at Taels 48,021, as against Taels 2,710 for 1900 and Taels 17,179 for the year prior to that. At first sight it would appear to be a strange phenomenon why there should be this great disparity between 1900 and the other two years quoted, and on enquiry we fail to gather any very explicit reason to account for the changed conditions. And the situation is made none the clearer by the fact that the import figures for Kowloon for 1910 show a further advance over those of 1909 of Taels 15,636. We learn that large quantities of foreign spirits are used in most of the samshu-making centres for mixing with the native wine in order to increase the strength and impart a flavour. Much of this mixed liquor is, we are told, re-imported into Hongkong and takes the place of foreign table wine at meals. If would therefore seem that the taste for foreign wine is on the increase among the Chinese and the samshu trade is meeting the demand in this way.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1911.

LIQUOR IMPORTS INTO CHINA.

SOME illuminating and in many respects startling facts concerning China's demand for foreign liquors may be assimilated by a careful perusal of that section of the Imperial Maritime Customs returns for year 1909 which deal with the imports of wines, spirits, beer, etc. It will be discovered that so far as wines are concerned the foreign trade fell below the two previous years, while with regard to beer the import was less than in any of the three years for which figures are supplied. When we come to spirits, however, the tale wears quite a different complexion. In 1908, the gross value of the spirits imported was Taels 765,478, but for 1909 the figure jumped up to no less than Taels 1,699,500. Deducting the re-exports, we find that the actual consumption reached a value of Taels 1,447,017, this figure comparing with Taels 601,431 for 1908, Taels 420,666 for 1907, and Taels 531,732 for 1906. Unfortunately, there are no figures available to show the quantity of liquor finding its way into the Empire, but in spite of that, on the face of the totals of value which we have quoted it might be hastily inferred that China's cravings for foreign spirits almost defy satisfying. This is the deduction which the superficial reader would arrive at when merely casting his eye hurriedly over the returns. A little closer examination of the details, however, will lead to a somewhat different conclusion. If we seek for knowledge as to which particular Customs districts have evinced the most pronounced increasing demand for spirits we gather that it is in Manchuria that the biggest advances are recorded. Comparing 1909 with 1908, the total net increase for the whole of China is Taels 845,180, and of this advance no less than Taels 737,088 is traceable to Dairen and Manchouli, whose figures go beyond their 1908 returns by Taels 631,800 and Taels 105,200 respectively. This, together with the fact that Russia and Japan have sent into China during 1909 Taels

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A great naval review will be held at Spithead in connection with the King's Coronation.

Great Britain is protesting against the proposed Russian restrictions on the fisheries in the White Sea.

It is officially estimated that 60,000 troops will line the routes of the Coronation procession in London.

Japan is abolishing the subsidies on exported sugar from Formosa but will continue the policy of supporting the plantations.

Miss Teresa Billingham, who has succeeded from the Women's Freedom League, has published a severe criticism of the Suffragette movement.

The promoters of the Festival of Empire in London have formed a club for the purpose of entertaining the colonial troops attending the Coronation.

Though the Yokohama Engine and Iron Works, Ltd., made a profit during the last half year, no dividend was declared, the balance being carried forward.

After the comparative long dearth of such forms of entertainment, Hongkong is eagerly anticipating the visits of the Follies and the Dandiacs Operatic Company.

The exhibition of educational books which Messrs Macmillan and Co. have just opened at Messrs Kelly and Walsh is attracting a good deal of attention, especially among teachers.

"The best-selling novels of the past season," says the Bookman, "have been 'Howard's End,' 'Clayhanger,' 'Simon the Jester,' 'Lauriston,' 'Mr Ingleside,' 'The Rosary,' 'Red Harrow,' 'The Mistress of Shenstone,' 'At the Villa Rose,' 'City of Beautiful Nonsense,' 'The Dop Doctor,' 'Dancing Days,' 'The Osbornes,' 'The Broad Highway,' 'The Human Chord,' 'The Wonderful Bishop,' 'Sacrifice,' 'Dear Loyalty,' 'Princess Calva,' 'A Spirit of Mirth,' 'The Brassbounder,' 'The Wreck of the Golden Galleon,' 'The Diary of a Nobody.'"

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr Justice Gompertz is expected back at the end of April.

Mr Funatsu, Japanese Consul-General, leaves Hongkong to-morrow on a short visit to Formosa.

"Mr Haldane, we understand, is shortly to go to the House of Lords," says the Saturday Review.

Mr Henry Keswick takes the chair this evening at the smoking concert given by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

It seems that Madame Calve's refusal to sing in Japan was owing to the non-acceptance of an invitation to appear before the Imperial Court in Tokyo.

The Liberal Whip, Sir John Fuller, has been appointed Governor of Victoria, replacing Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael, who is appointed Governor of Madras.

The Band of S.M.S. Scharnhorst discussed a very pleasing programme of music at Government House on Friday afternoon when Lady Lugard was "at home" to many friends.

Reliable information states that Mr. Lascelles' appointment as the next Chief Justice of Ceylon has been settled. As is known, Sir Joseph Hutchinson retires at the end of February.

Mr D. Todow, manager of the Hongkong branch of the Bank of Taiwan, has been transferred to Shanghai, where a branch of the bank is being opened. Mr Todow, who has been in the Colony more than ten years, will be succeeded by Mr Tamura, who has arrived here from Amoy.

Mr Alex. G. Boyle, C.M.G., Provincial Commissioner of the Uganda Protectorate, has been selected for the office of Lieutenant-Governor and Colonial Secretary of Southern Nigeria, in succession to Mr J. J. Thorburn, C.M.G., who has been promoted Governor of the Gold Coast Colony. Mr Boyle's first connection with the Colonial Service was as Private Secretary to the Senior Puisne Judge of the Straits Settlements. He proceeded to Uganda as Assistant Treasurer in 1895, and has since occupied several responsible offices, including those of Acting Chief Secretary and Acting Administrator.

DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.

DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold prepares the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germs. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighbourhood children that have colds should be kept at home and off the street until recovered. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to remain at home long. It also cleans out the culture beds, which form in a child's throat when it has a cold, and minimize the risk of contracting infectious diseases. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE VOLUNTEER BALL.

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Following the happy reputation established by a long line of successful predecessors, the annual dance given at the City Hall last night by the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps was in every respect a delightful success. Doubtless due to the revived popularity of the Corps, the attendance of guests was even larger than usual, and all who attended spent a thoroughly jolly time. Those who carried out the bulk of the preliminary work which such an event inevitably involves spared no time or effort in assuring the enjoyment of the company, all uniting in their determination to make the last formal dance of the season one of the very best. In this they were supremely successful, for every thing that could be thought of for convenience and happiness of guests was considered. There was an extensive area of well-polished floor space, the music was of the best, while the sitting-out, supper and other arrangements were admirable in every way. Above all, a delightful spirit of happy freedom prevailed, so that everything went with a swing from the first dance until the break-up in the early hours of the morning. As usual, the decorations were cheerfully effective. On entering, one had to pass through an arbour of greenery formed by palms and other plants, from which the grim noses of Maxim guns peeped out on either side. The huge stone pillars in the hall were entwined with festoons of greenery, while the staircase was carpeted and set off with pot plants, the balustrades being literally buried in pretty flowers. Immediately on the top of the stairs was placed a businesslike ten-pounder gun, flanked on either side by a Maxim, a canvas tent and a tripod of rifles, all being surrounded by leafy palms. Overhead, and facing down the stairs, the figures "1801-1911" shone brilliantly in electric light, these dates signifying the period during which "Volunteering has been actively existent in the Colony. Above this again was the crest of the Corps, with its motto "Nulli Secundus Oriens," this being draped on each side with a big Union Jack. Along the staircase walls bunting and shields of glittering bayonets were introduced with happy effect, while on the balcony there was a profusion of plants, palms, etc.

Both St. George's and St. Andrew's Halls were utilized for dancing. The former was given chief prominence in the scheme of decoration. Running diagonally across the hall overhead were strings of many-coloured flags, which continued also along the top of the walls. On the walls themselves were numbers of photographs of past Commandants of the Corps, these being adorned with bunting and set off with floral arrangements at the feet. As convenient spots there were also shields of bayonets introduced while the handstand was very tastefully decorated with overgreens and flowers. St. Andrew's Hall was simply but effectively adorned with flags, plants and shields similar to those in use elsewhere.

The old Chamber of Commerce room was used as a reception room, the music room accommodated a refreshment buffet, while the verandahs were transformed into cosy little sitting-out nooks. The bar was placed in the Library where cards were also much in evidence. Supper was, as usual, served in the Theatre Royal, tables being laid downstairs and on the stage.

His Excellency the Governor arrived shortly before the commencement of the opening dance, while Major General and Mrs. Anderson and Commodore and Mrs. Creswell Eyres were also present. There was a representative assembly of military and naval officers, whose brilliant uniforms, together with those of the Volunteers, added to the variety and wealth of the colour effect. The orchestra of the K.O.Y.L.L., supplied the music, and the dance programme embraced 21 numbers in addition to the opening "extra." It was as follows:

- 1.—Lancers.....Dollus Princess.
- 2.—Waltz.....Whistling Rufus.
- 3.—Two-Step.....Whistling Rufus.
- 4.—Caledonians.....The Highlanders.
- 5.—Waltz.....The Choristers.
- 6.—Two-Step.....Hobokeno.
- 7.—Eightome Reel.....The Do'll among the Tailors.
- 8.—Waltz.....Caracante.
- 9.—Two-Step.....Yip-lady-y-y.
- 10.—Waltz.....A Waltz Dream.
- 11.—Two-Step.....Moonstruck.
- 12.—Waltz.....Vision of Salome.
- 13.—Lancers.....Our Miss Gibbs.
- 14.—Waltz.....Merry Widow.
- 15.—Two-Step.....Teddy Bear's Picnic.
- 16.—Caledonians.....Scotch Airs.
- 17.—Waltz.....Venus on Earth.
- 18.—Two-Step.....Mumbling Moss.
- 19.—Lancers.....Country Girl.
- 20.—Waltz.....Gold and Silver.
- 21.—Waltz and Galop.....Lana and Pot Horn.

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The secretarial duties were in the experienced hands of Capt. A. J. Thompson, whose efforts were ably seconded by Staff Armourer G. W. Avenall, the assistant secretary.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

NO REFORM FROM WITHIN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, February 11.
The Times states that the Unionists in the House of Lords have decided not to introduce their own Reform Bill.

PLAGUE NEWS.

SPREADING IN MANCHURIA AND NORTH CHINA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, February 11.
A message from Peking states that plague is spreading generally in Manchuria and slightly in North China, but is weakening in Harbin.
The Chinese Government proposes to use three-quarters of a million sterling, the monies allotted to the visit of the German Crown Prince, to combat the disease.

A FISCAL DEBATE.

MINISTERIAL MAJORITY OF 102.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, February 10.
After a two days' debate a Fiscal amendment moved in the House of Commons by Mr. Austen Chamberlain regretting the persistent refusal of the Government to modify the fiscal system of the country was rejected by 324 votes to 222.
The Labourites and Nationalists voted with the Government, but the O'Brienites abstained. Hitherto the Nationalists have abstained from voting on fiscal questions.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, February 11.
The Board which has been investigating constitutional questions recently drew up a draft of new official regulations and standards and presented it to the Prince Regent.
His Highness has returned the document, saying that it too closely follows Japanese models.

DOCKING NAVAL PAY.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, February 11.
The Naval Board intends from the 8th month of this year to deduct 20 per cent. from the naval officer's pay. Admiral Sa is vigorously protesting against the proposal.

BANK OF CHINA.

BRANCH FOR SINGAPORE.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, February 11.
Prince Chok has decided to establish a branch of the Bank of China in Singapore.

The Young Men's Christian Association headquarters in New York announces that the 2,000,000 dollars fund for the erection of association buildings in foreign lands is practically complete.

Messrs Elder, Dempster and Company, of which Sir Owen-Phillips is chairman, has controlling interest in the Glen Line, which has a fleet of seven steamers having a total tonnage of 31,008. The Glen Line has for many years carried on a regular service from Antwerp, Middlesbrough, Hull, and London to the Straits, China, and Japan, and has been one of the best known services connected with the China trade.

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TELEPHONE No. 135.
Hongkong 9th February, 1911.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION-ARIES IN JAPAN.

AN APPEAL FOR THEIR ARREST.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
Tokyo, February 11.
The Russian authorities have long been convinced that Russian revolutionaries are maturing a secret movement in Nagasaki. They have found out that revolutionary pamphlets are printed in Nagasaki in large numbers and are sent to the Russian army in Siberia by way of the railway via Dairen.
The Russian Consul at Dairen has requested the Japanese Government for assistance and friendly help in arresting these political offenders.
The Japanese authorities are said to have agreed to the request.

FIRE ON THE S.S. HILARY.

At about 5 o'clock this morning a fire broke out on board the s.s. Hilary, as she lay alongside at the Kowloon wharf. The outbreak took place in a hold in which a consignment of cotton was stored. The Kowloon Wharf fire engine was soon on the spot rendering help, which, later, the engine from the Yantai Brigade and the fire boat also arrived and co-operated in the work of extinguishing the flames. Within half an hour of the outbreak the hold was cleared and the fire totally extinguished. It is difficult to estimate the actual damage, but the stuff burnt and that spoiled by water must have amounted in value to several thousand dollars.
Strange to say, there was a fire on the same vessel under similar circumstances about twelve months ago.

A CENSOR ON THE WARPATH.

Some truth may possibly underlie the many rumours bruited abroad about the doings of Admiral Li. It appears that a Censor, one Chan Hing-kwai, has sent a memorial to the Throne dealing with Li's alleged misdoings. First of all he is charged with taking bribes and so lowering the high dignity of an official. It is somewhat interesting to note the naive way in which it is assumed that Chinese officials do not take bribes, and therefore that if one should be charged with doing so he brings disgrace on the whole body, and is therefore to be condemned on the principle that one spot of dirt spoils the perfect whiteness of the robe. The Admiral is stated to have shared some of the local revenues accruing from the western suburbs of Canton with one Li Shai-kwai, who has already been deposed from an official position. The spoils that have fallen to their lot from this source of revenue each year is not less than several tens of myriads of dollars. Then further Sham Ping-k'ok, who is in charge of the lekin station at Lopas, on the North river, has also sent him each month the sum of five hundred dollars. This is said to be the common talk of the city. Further he is charged with paying little personal attention to his duties. He rarely leaves his yamen, and does not personally visit the forts and defences of the Bogue, for which he is responsible. The Censor concludes by affirming that amidst all the talk about putting naval affairs in order, there is little that can be hoped for until these things are amended. He therefore has sent on the memorial to Peking, and has urged the Government to send down a Commission to examine into matters, in order to ascertain the truth of the rumours and the charges that are bruited abroad.

There is little wonder that whilst such charges are in the air, the new Viceroy wishes to be free of Admiral Li, and as an easy way out of the difficulty is willing, apparently, that he should go up into Kwangsi, where there is less temptation to be met with; on the other hand, it appears to be likely that there will be an official examination into these charges, and if they are substantiated and large sums of money are disclosed, some, if not all, of this wealth will have to be refunded, not to the people but to the Government itself, which is greatly in need of funds at the present time.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

The twenty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was held at the company's office, St. George's Building, to-day.

Mr. R. Shawan presided and there were present, Messrs D. W. Craddock, H. P. White, R. Hancock, C. Klinek, J. A. Young, Fung Shiu Wa and the Secretary, Mr. R. W. Lee-Jones.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen—Copies of the report and accounts have been in your hands for some days and you will have seen from them that we are able to recommend a final dividend of \$1 per share making \$2 per share for the year as usual, and place \$3,000 to reserve fund, which will then stand at \$10,000, leaving a balance of \$13,321.25 to be carried forward to the credit of this year's account. Our business last year was not so brisk as usual and was clearly affected by the depression in shipping, shipowners being compelled by low freights and reduced earnings to economize as closely as possible in their store's accounts. Freight rates, however, on the whole on the upward move now, and at any rate tonnage is in better demand in most parts of the world than it was and I trust that this improvement may continue and be reflected in a greater demand for and increased consumption of our particular commodity. High grades of hemp were scarce and dear throughout the year but low grades, owing principally to a lack of enquiry from the United States, fell steadily and have now reached a price that we have not seen for some time past, but this is hardly likely to last long as any demand would stiffen the market at once. You will notice that our investments have not escaped the general shrinkage in values of nearly all stocks on this market and that in consequence we have had to take \$31,000 from our reserve fund to meet this fall but on the other hand it will leave them now at what I think we may consider a safe and satisfactory valuation. In the accounts there is no new feature requiring any special remark or explanation. Stocks of hemp and rope on hand were larger at the end of the year and the amounts outstanding against sundry debtors and creditors show a considerable reduction on previous figures. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

There being no questions the Chairman moved the adoption of report and accounts.

Mr. W. D. Craddock seconded and the motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Fung Shiu Wa seconded by Mr. Young, Messrs H. P. White, D. W. Craddock and Dr. J. W. Noble were re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

Mr. C. Klinek moved and Mr. Hancock seconded and it was agreed that Messrs W. H. Potts and A. O. D. Gourdon be re-elected auditors.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready.

Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.

The ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., was held at the Hongkong Hotel, to-day.

Mr. H. Humphreys presided, and there were also present—Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs G. Balloch and J. W. Donnar (Directors), Capt. T. P. Hall, Messrs Percy Smith, L. E. Clarke, E. N. Tarrant, J. M. E. Machado, E. T. Bunje and P. A. Xavier, with Mr. Enos Seth, secretary.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I propose to follow the usual custom and take the report and statement of accounts as read. In accordance with the special resolutions passed on 12th January last and confirmed on the 27th of the same month, the General Managers and Directors respectively will receive a remuneration for their services, a commission of 5 per cent. on the net profits for the past year. This amounts in the aggregate to \$7,023.43 and has been provided for in the Report submitted to you. Insurance Reserve Fund has been increased by \$4,320.51, which represents the amount of expired fire risks underwritten by the Company. The Profit and Loss Account contains two items about which you might like some information, viz.—“Charges non-recurrent” and “Mortgage Conversions.” The former represents money paid out in brokerages, lawyers' charges and valuation reports in connection with the paying off of old mortgages and the obtaining of new ones at a lower rate of interest. The latter represents exchange profits and interest profit respectively on two mortgages to the Company which have been paid off. The past year has been devoid of special interest so far as property is concerned. The upward tendency referred to by me at our last meeting has been checked for the time being by the financial crisis that has affected nearly the whole of the Far East. Speaking generally, property in the central and western Districts of Hongkong shows an improvement. Property at Tsim Sha Tsui and Yau-mai (Kowloon) is firm with an upward tendency, but property at Hung Hom has declined. We have suffered considerably

loss of rentals in the last named district, which we attribute to the less prosperous condition of the several important industries situated there. Gentlemen, I have nothing more to add, but before moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may have to ask.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved, and Capt. Hall seconded, the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. Machado seconded, and it was agreed to, that Messrs J. Scott-Harston, J. W. C. Bonnar, G. Balloch and Dr. J. W. Noble be re-elected directors.

On the motion of Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Messrs W. H. Potts and H. Percy Smith were reappointed auditors.

The Chairman—That concludes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday. I thank you for your attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

UNDESIRABLE SIGHTS.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—Through the medium of your widely-read journal I wish to protest against the appearance in our streets of deformed specimens of humanity who for their own comfort and the feelings of the public generally should be accommodated in some charitable institution or, in the alternative, sent out of the Colony.

Kowloon is especially the hunting ground of these poor creatures, who endeavor to reap advantage out of their physical deformities by continually worrying the public for a "cushaw." Some of the sights I have witnessed across the harbour are revolting, even to recall, and I know of several instances in which ladies have been really scared by the horrible disfigurements and abnormalities which are forced on their attention. The danger of this, especially in certain conditions, must be apparent.

It is nothing short of a public disgrace that such beings are allowed to infect our thoroughfares, and I am confident of having behind me a big section of inhabitants when I claim that the Government, through the police, should see to it that as far as possible these revolting sights are kept more in the background than at present.—Yours, etc.,

DECEMY.

THE FERRY SERVICE.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—As a season ticket-holder I should like to put forward a suggestion for a revision of the nine-hour departures of the Star Ferry boats.

At present the boats run at 12.45 o'clock, 12.50 and 12.55. Then there is a break until 1.5, so that those who happen to just miss the 12.55 ferry have to wait until five minutes after 1 o'clock.

As it is more convenient for most business people to drop duties just before 1 o'clock than some twenty minutes, or even ten minutes before, could there not be a re-arrangement by which the boats could leave at 12.45, 12.50, 1 o'clock and 6 minutes past? I have spoken to a number of fellow ticket-holders on this matter, and they all approve of the idea. What do others say?—Yours, etc.,

KOWLOONITE.

SPORTING.

Billiards.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Two further games were played in the Soldiers' Club tournament last evening at the conclusion of which the Hongkong Volunteers had increased their lead to 256 points. Scores to date:

H. K. VOL. 88TH CO. R.O.S.A.
Pte. Bishop..... 250 Gr. Thomas..... 210
Pte. Phillips..... 250 Gr. Weatherall. 147
Gr. Sgt. Rodger. 250 Gr. Hemmings. 177
Gr. Wilson..... 194 Sgt. Short..... 250
Gr. McLennan. 250 Gr. Goodall..... 214
Cpl. Bullock..... 250 Sgt. Macartney 180

Total.....1,444 Total.....1,188

AERIAL PROGRESS.

A writer in *The Navy* asks:—What is the sum-total of aeronautical progress in broad figures? Perhaps the following is near it:

1. An aeroplane has remained aloft for over eight hours.
2. Has covered 290 miles without descending.
3. Has flown for long distances, carrying five passengers.
4. Has reached a height of over 10,000 feet.
5. Has attained a speed of nearly 90 miles an hour.
6. Has covered 147 miles across country.
7. Has crossed a belt of water 52 miles wide, unaided.
8. Has four times crossed from England to France.

Finally, there are to-day over 600 men and women who have flown aeroplanes. How long is it since Santos Dumont, the brothers Wright and Henry Farman were the only ones?

Five ladies have been granted the pilot certificate. The last to receive it is Miss Jane Hervey, trained by Leblond.

New records are of almost daily occurrence. Using a powerful and rapid imagination, we look forward to some gentleman (1) flying for 24 hours; (2) carrying a "load" of passengers; (3) reaching a height of 20,000 feet; (4) crossing the Atlantic; (5) attaining 160 miles an hour or more.

RAMELING NOTES.

Everybody seems to have thoughts for nothing but ponies these days, to judge by the amount of time the average man will cheerfully give up to discussing the subject. I should imagine that no more absorbing topic exists, so far as Hongkong is concerned than the coming Races. If all this talk amounts to anything a fair quantity of hard cash ought to change hands between the first saddling bell on Tuesday and the very last scamper on Saturday.

Though the mornings are fairly nippy, the many early birds who gather at the rails in Happy Valley to watch the doings of the "go-goss" are to be thoroughly enjoy themselves. I wonder though how many of them will keep up this really excellent and much to be commended habit of early rising once the races are over?

The great majority of the European residents of Hongkong are much like the *beau monde* of Dr. Johnson's day, they like the world to be well-aired ere they stir abroad. In this they are not singular. Bishop Creighton used to tell a good story against himself in a similar connection. He once got up at an extremely early hour and felt highly delighted with himself. Indeed, he went further than this, for he said, "All the morning I felt abominably proud of myself." But retribution follow-

ed; for at the afternoon he was so excessively sleepy that he resolved never again to break with old established habits.

There is no doubt we miss many beautiful sights in nature by lying-in-bed too long in the morning, but then all people don't think alike in regard to what is considered beautiful, or becoming. Who does not recollect the dear, shocked old lady who exclaimed that it was positively indecent to intrude upon the sun just as he was rising! Discreet, old party.

The cases of bag-snatching which have occurred this week on the upper levels bring into prominence again the matter of the policing of the Colony. The way in which the Kennedy, Macdonnell, Bowen and Robinson roads—not to mention higher levels still and that sweet Cinderella, Kowloon—are neglected in this matter has been a subject of keen criticism for a very long time past; but apparently the authorities are not at all inclined to move or even to suggest an effective remedy.

Another matter which is beginning to arouse a good deal of comment is the congestion of work in the Supreme Court. The suggestion made over a year ago by His Excellency the Governor that a third Judge should travel down occasionally from Shanghai seems to have been hung up somewhere, and meanwhile the arrears are beginning to accumulate, notwithstanding the arduous and painstaking labours of our two worthy Judges. Something should surely be possible along the lines laid down by Sir Frederick Lugard, otherwise how are we to undertake the present crush of work?

A little while a good many newspaper offices in the Far East received numerous communications from a lady in the United States who was spending much money on trying to prove that the world is flat. Her letters, I am afraid, all went into the W.P.B., but a Canadian journalist who evidently was a recipient of them turned this incident to account in the following fashion:

NO WONDER

The ancients thought the world was flat; I'm really not surprised at that. We'd find it that, I dare to say. If we were living in their day, just think, they had no autos then. No show girls to delight the men. No pipes to smoke and no cigars. No cocktail served at handsome bars. No bridge to play and no pink tea. No liners speeding o'er the seas; No yellow journals and no flats; No women's monstrous picture hats; No tariff problems to attack; No gown that button up the back; No cadnet bags with manners rude; No monkeying with the price of food; No ice-bills, no cold storage eggs; No bunco steers and no yeggs; No trolley cars with clang and whirr; No Teddy to keep things astir—Say, is it any wonder that The ancients thought the world was flat?

MACAO is Hongkong's great stand-by for honeymooners and presumably for lovers' meetings, but I can assure my readers that the following little incident did not occur either there or in Hongkong. It seems that a much agitated young woman recently entered a telegraph office. She wrote upon one telegraph blank, tore it in halves, wrote a second, which she treated in the same manner, and at last a third. This she handed to the operator, requesting—in a trembling voice, that he "bury it up." The operator obeyed instructions, and when the young woman had gone he read the two messages that she had torn in halves.

The first was:—

"All is over. I never wish to see you again."

The second read:—

"Do not write or try to see me at present."

And the third was:—

"Can you take the next train? Please answer."

With the races on next week, the following story is apropos:—A horse dealer was showing a horse to a prospective buyer. After running him back and forward for a few minutes, he stopped and said to the buyer:—"What do you think of his coat? Isn't he a dandy?"

The buyer, noticing that the horse had the heave, replied:—"Yes, I like his coat, all right, but I don't like his pants."

Well, all good luck next week. May all who have "a little bit on" find they have broken the "right way," and if the big wools do come their way don't get too excited.

RAMBER.

THE FOLLIES.

We draw attention to the advertisement of "The Follies" which appears in another column. Hongkong will accord them a warm welcome.

SIR ROBERT LAIDLAW.

Philanthropic Gifts to India.

Sir Robert Laidlaw at present in Java on business, has been re-visiting India and the Federated Malay States. On his return to Singapore he goes on to China to visit the firms in which he is interested. He has given handsomely to various institutions in India and elsewhere. In Singapore the Y.M.C.A. buildings received from him \$1,000, & sides \$1,000 from the firm of Messrs Whiteway Laidlaw and Co. Sir Robert's latest gift to India is \$50,000 to form the nucleus of a joint fund to provide the schools conducted by the Protestant Missionary Societies in India for "country-born" Europeans and Eurasians with staffs and equipments adequate to the highest requirements of the educational codes. A committee, with Sir Andrew Fraser as chairman, has been appointed with representatives of the Anglican, Scots and English churches.

CHINESE NAVAL AND MILITARY REORGANIZATION.

The announcement was made by cable from Peking early in December that negotiations were under way to conclude a foreign loan of \$30,000,000 gold, the proceeds of which were to be utilized in carrying out the preliminary plans of comprehensive reorganization of the Chinese navy. About the same time an Edict was issued on this subject which provided substantially for the division of the Navy of War and the conversion of the Navy Reorganization Bureau into a Ministry of Marine with a minister and vice minister in charge. This office will have charge of the inauguration of reforms in the navy. Prince Tsi Hsun was appointed Minister of Marine and Tan Hsueh-hing, Vice Minister.

At the same time the Army Reorganization Bureau was converted into a Ministry of War and a Minister and Vice Minister created. General Yin Chung was appointed Minister of War and Shen Shun, Vice Minister. These edicts abolished the previous presidents, vice-presidents, councillors and secretaries in both the former reorganization bureaux. Later edicts state that besides the Minister and Vice Minister are to be councillors and three secretaries in each ministry. The refusal of Admiral Sah Chien-ping to accept the position of Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Marine came as a surprise in view of his long and brilliant career and the fact that he was closely associated with the work of preparation of plans for reorganization. He accepted the appointment as admiral of the Yangtze squadron and is reported to have said that he preferred the latter position under the circumstances as he would now be in a position to put his training to practical use. He declared his loyalty to the Ministry and pledged his hearty support. Admiral Sah, it will be remembered, did not support the scheme for the creation of the Navy Ministry believing that it involved much unnecessary expenditure. Tan Hsueh-hing, late director of the Naval Department who was appointed to the position of vice minister, is also reported to have said that he preferred the latter position under the circumstances as he would now be in a position to put his training to practical use. He declared his loyalty to the Ministry and pledged his hearty support. Admiral Sah, it will be remembered, did not support the scheme for the creation of the Navy Ministry believing that it involved much unnecessary expenditure. Tan Hsueh-hing, late director of the Naval Department who was appointed to the position of vice minister, is also reported to have said that he preferred the latter position under the circumstances as he would now be in a position to put his training to practical use. He declared his loyalty to the Ministry and pledged his hearty support.

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ANOTHER AMERICAN VISIT.

The recent visit of the Commercial Commissioners from the Pacific slope to China is soon to be followed by that of a body of representatives of the Chicago Association of Commerce and of the commercial associations and chambers of the Central West to the Philippines by way of Honolulu. The preliminaries have been arranged, and through the courtesy of President Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, the a.s. Minnesota has been placed at the disposal of the party. The Minnesota will proceed from Seattle to Honolulu and then to the Philippines, calling at Japan on the return trip. If present plans are not revised, it is not improbable, however, that other points in the Far East will extend hospitality to these visitors who represent the commercial potentiality of the great Central West.

The party will be headed by Mr. Homer A. Sullivan, President of the Chicago Association of Commerce, and the head of Messrs Butler Bros., one of the most progressive wholesale dry goods houses in the United States, and will start from Chicago in March next.

The decision of the Chicago Association of Commerce is the result of the interest in Far Eastern trade aroused by the personal effort of Mr. Nind, who was a member of the Seattle party that toured the Orient in 1909. He was especially sanguine with regard to the development of Manila as an American distributing centre for the Orient and pledged himself, at a dinner given by the Merchants' Association of Manila to do all in his power to interest the leading businessmen of Chicago in this project.

It is understood that the admission of 18 cadets to Japan's military schools has been requested and a large number will be sent to other countries. General Ying Chiang favours the German military system which will be largely copied in the organization although features that recommend themselves in other armies will be adopted. China will thus follow Japan's example in this respect.—*For Eastern Review.*

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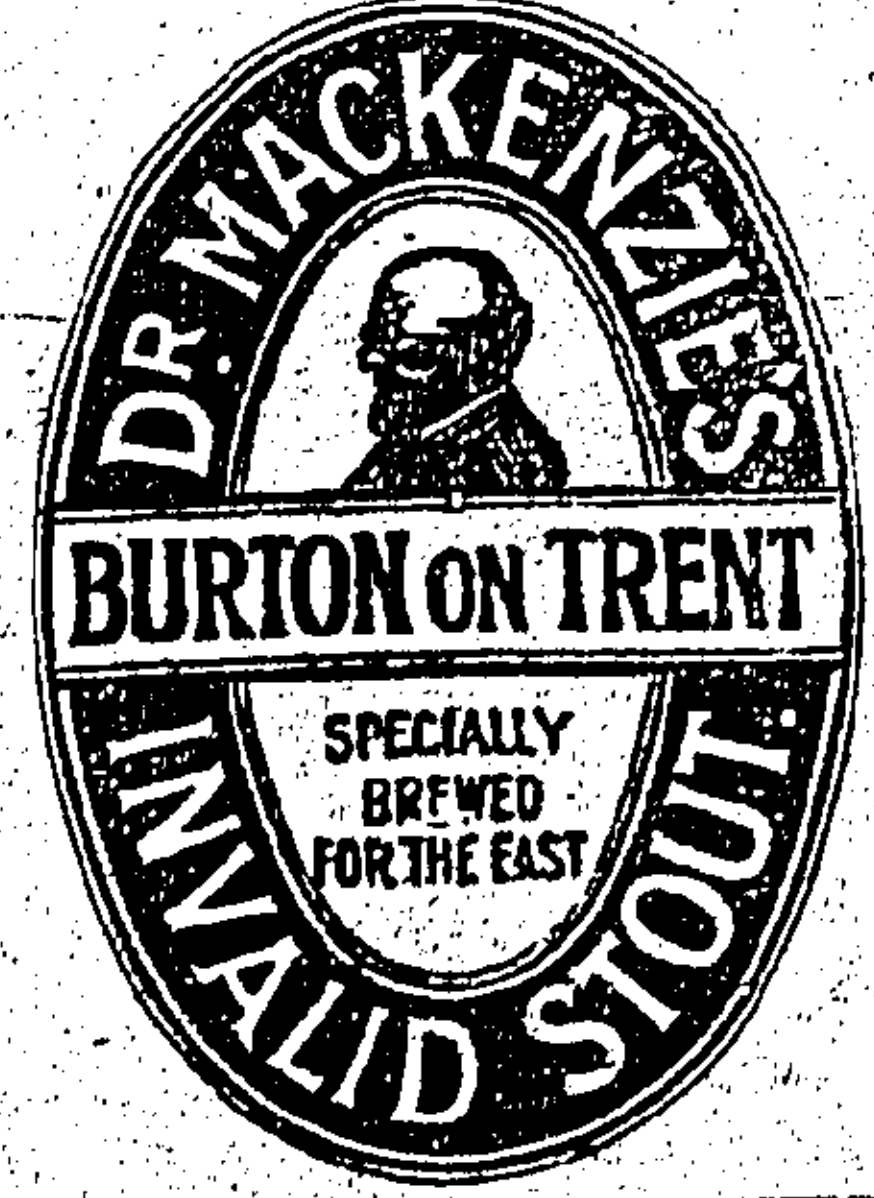
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MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY	31st Mar., at 1 p.m.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY	21st April, at 1 p.m.
KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY	27th May, at 1 p.m.
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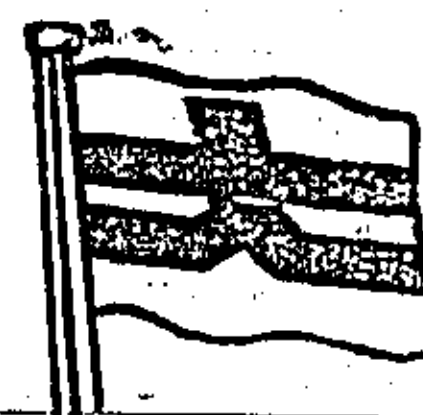
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINZESS ALICE, Capt. P. Grossh.	(20,500)	WEDNESDAY, 22nd Feb.
MANILA, YAP, MARON, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE	PRINZ SIGISMUND, Capt. D. Lenz	(9,000)	SATURDAY, 25th Feb., at Daylight.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	COBLENZ, Capt. H. Regenar	(8,750)	TUESDAY, 7th Mar.
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MANILA	YUENSANG	SATURDAY, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m.
TIENSIN	CHEONGSHING	MONDAY, Feb. 20, at Noon.
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	CHINNA	Feb. 11, Midnight.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	YUNNAN	Feb. 12, Daylight.
MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU	SUNGKIAN	Feb. 14, at 4 p.m.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	MIYASAKI MARU, Capt. T. Murai, Tons 9000	(WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., at Daylight)
	WAKASA MARU, Capt. N. Nielsen, Tons 7000	(SUNDAY, 26th February)
	KITANO MARU, Capt. E. Corpe, Tons 9000	(WEDNESDAY, 1st Mar., at Daylight)
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, KAICHI & YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU, Capt. K. Ishikawa, Tons 7000	(TUESDAY, 28th Feb., at Noon)
	INABA MARU, Capt. K. Kawara, Tons 7000	(TUESDAY, 28th Mar., at Noon)

VICTORIA, B.C. AND SEATTLE	SADO MARU, Capt. S. Horiuchi, Tons 7000	(SATURDAY, 25th Feb., from KOBE)
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, TH. Winchester, Tons 6000	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winchester, Tons 6000	(FRIDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon)
DAY MANILA, TH. TOWNS, VILLE ASSE BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5000	(FRIDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon)
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5000	(WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., at Noon)
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	HAKATA MARU, Capt. A. Mosker, Tons 7000	(WEDNESDAY, 15th February)
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIRANO MARU, Capt. H. Fraser, Tons 9000	(THURSDAY, 16th Feb., at 11 a.m.)
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TANGO	8000	12th April	Old Str. 1st class S 500.00
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